



City of Concord

City Council

Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 9, 2018

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
37 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

***Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) to discuss negotiations
with respect to collective bargaining to be held at 6:15 p.m.***

Present: Councilor Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilors Champlin, Coen, Grady Sexton, Herschlag, Keach, Kretovic, Matson, Nyhan, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff, Todd and Werner. Councilor Kenison was absent and excused.

Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Councilor Nyhan moved to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) to discuss negotiations with respect to collective bargaining. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor St. Hilaire and passed unanimously with no dissenting votes.

At 6:47 p.m., Councilor Matson moved to exit non-public session. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Champlin and passed unanimously with no dissenting votes.

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to seal the minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously with no dissenting votes.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Bouley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation by Reverend Celeste Hemingson, Grace Episcopal Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call.

Present: 14 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Mark Coen, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Allan Herschlag, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Dan St. Hilaire, Councilor Stephen Shurtleff, Councilor Brent Todd, and Councilor Robert Werner

Excused: 1 - Councilor Linda Kenison

5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

June 11, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval of the June 11, 2018 City Council meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

June 14, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval of the June 14, 2018 City Council meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

June 14, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval of the June 14, 2018 Finance Committee meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

6. Presentation by the Steering Committee to End Homelessness.

Tim Sink, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, indicated that they have made progress since the initial plan was adopted in 2014. He highlighted these accomplishments as outlined within the memorandum. He added that the coalition has worked hard to educate the community and different service providers on what is happening within the homeless community; funding has been increased to address the homeless in Concord; the Charitable Foundation, United Way and the Lincoln Financial Foundation has contributed to grant funding to enable the coalition to pursue other goals.

Rosemary Heard, Steering Committee to End Homelessness member, stated that, moving forward, they are focused on five goals under the refresh plan:

1. to increase access to healthy, safe environments for all homeless and

- precariously housed members of the community;
2. to increase the number of quality, permanent, and affordable rental units for very low income individuals and families;
 3. to increase knowledge about homelessness in Concord, costs to the community, services available and future needs;
 4. increase public and private funding available for plan strategies;
 5. ensure broad representation and engagement of stakeholders in implementation of the Plan to End Homelessness.
7. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

Consent Agenda Items

Note: items listed as pulled from the consent agenda will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the consent agenda with items 21 and 22 moved to the end of the agenda for discussion. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. Councilor Bouchard took Rule Six on item 8.

Referral to the Ad-Hoc Parking Committee

8. Communication from Teresa Bryant, Granite Case Management, requesting City Council consider changes to current parking restrictions near the Pitman Building in Concord.

Action: Communication referred to the Ad-Hoc Parking Committee.

Referral to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

9. Petition requesting a reduction in speed limit on Rockingham Street in Concord to 25 mph together with appropriate noticeable and distinctive speed limit signage.

Action: Communication referred to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee.

Referral to the Traffic Operations Committee

10. Communication from third graders, in Mrs. Larochelle's class, at Christa McAuliffe School requesting consideration be given to the installation of flashing lights and speed limit signs on both ends of Rumford Street as well as the painting of sidewalks on Rumford and North Spring Streets in Concord.

Action: Communication referred to the Traffic Operations Committee.

Items Tabled for August 13, 2018 Public Hearings

11. Resolution authorizing and appropriating the sum of up to \$340,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund for the acquisition of open space property located on Hot Hole Pond Road; together with report from the Assistant City Planner, on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Action: This resolution was moved to set for a public hearing.

12. Resolution authorizing and appropriating the sum of up to \$13,400 from the Conservation Trust Fund for the acquisition of open space property located off of Fisk Road; together with report from the Assistant City Planner on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Action: This resolution was moved to set for a public hearing.

13. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of \$180,000 in unmatched grant funds from the State of New Hampshire Homeland Security Grant Program, funds designated for the purpose of purchasing an Incident Command Vehicle; together with report from the Police Department.

Action: This resolution was moved to set for a public hearing.

14. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of \$65,000 in grant funding from the New Hampshire Department of Safety Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative, funds designated for conducting illegal drug related investigations; together with report from the Police Department.

Action: This resolution was moved to set for a public hearing.

15. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from Unifit in the amount of up to \$22,300 and appropriating the sum of up to \$22,300 for the installation of LED lighting at the Combined Operations and Maintenance Facility as part of the 2018 LED Lighting subproject (CIP #323)

Action: This resolution was moved to set for a public hearing.

16. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking; Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing, and Parking; Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times, Schedule I; Section 18-1-8, Parking Time is Limited in Designated Spaces, Schedule III; Warren Street; together with a report from the Traffic Engineer.

Action: This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

17. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 5, Public Works; Article 5-1, Highways and Sidewalks; and Title 1, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization; Article 1-5, Fees, Fines and Penalties, Schedule 1; together with report from the City Planner.

Action: This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

18. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 35, Classification and Compensation Plan, Schedule D or Article 35-2, Class Specification Index; together with report from the Director of Human Resources.

Action: This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

From the City Manager

19. Positive Citizen Comments

Action: This positive comments was received and filed.

Consent Reports

20. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Library Director requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling \$9,713.48 as provided for under the pre-authorization granted by City Council.

Action: This consent report was approved.

21. Report from the Deputy City Manager for Development concerning the proposed repair plan for the discontinued portion of Silk Farm Road through the St. Paul's School campus. (Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag)

Action: This item removed to the end of the agenda for discussion.

22. Report from Deputy City Manager - Finance recommending approval of the proposed 2019 Membership Rates for the Beaver Meadow Golf Course as recommended by Golf Course Advisory Committee. (Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag)

Action: This item removed to the end of the agenda for discussion.

23. Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award notification from the Deputy City Manager-Finance and the Assistant Finance Director.

Action: This consent report was approved.

24. Emergency Medical Services Revenue report from the Fire Chief.

Action: This consent report was approved.

25. Mutual Aid report from the Fire Chief.

Action: This consent report was approved.

26. Economic Development Update Report from the Economic Development Director.

Action: This consent report was approved.

27. Report from the City Engineer recommending that the City Manager be authorized to accept a public storm drainage easement deed from the Blye Farm Condominium Association of 203 - 221 Mountain Road.

Action: This consent report was approved.

28. Report from the City Engineer in response to a request from the State of New Hampshire to license the construction, operation and maintenance of steam utility lines and infrastructure within the City right-of-way along School Street, Green Street, Capitol Street, Park Street, and North State Street to provide a source of heat for the State House, State House Annex, and State Library.

Action: This consent report was approved.

29. Report from the City Engineer in response to a request from Beede Electrical Instruments Financial Assurance Trust to license the replacement of a monitoring well within the City right-of-way on Penacook Street in Penacook as part of ongoing site soil and groundwater investigations required by NH Department of Environmental Services.

Action: This consent report was approved.

30. Report from the City Engineer recommending that the City Manager be authorized to accept two public utility easement deeds from the Concord School District for two hydrants, one at 170 Warren Street (Map 40, Block 4, Lot 1), and the other at 115 Warren Street (Map 41, Block 1, Lot 5).

Action: This consent report was approved.

31. Report from the City Engineer recommending that the City Manager be authorized to accept a public right-of-way easement from VSG Rental Properties, LLC of 336

Village Street.

Action: This consent report was approved.

32. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Leak Detection Grant report from the General Services Director.

Action: This consent report was approved.

Consent Resolutions

33. Resolution authorizing prepayment of taxes in accordance with RSA 80:51-a; together with report from the City Treasurer.

Action: This consent resolution was approved.

34. Resolution authorizing the City Manager, by way of the Police Department, to submit a grant application to the Concord Regional Crimeline Grant Program, for funding of up \$3,000, designated to assist the Department in community outreach initiatives to include the Rape Aggression Defense Program; together with report from the Police Department.

Action: This consent resolution was approved.

35. Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the NH Department of Environmental Services Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund Grant Program to assist in the purchase of 234 acres of land located off of District 5 Road; together with report from the Assistant City Planner on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Action: This consent resolution was approved.

36. Resolution repurposing \$45,000 from the Sludge Stabilization System Upgrade Subproject (CIP #104) to the 2016 Equipment Process Upgrade Project (CIP #104); together with report from the General Services Director.

Action: This consent resolution was approved.

Appointments

37. Mayor Bouley's proposed appointment to the Energy and Environment Committee.
Deborah Bruss

Action: This appointment was approved.

38. Mayor Bouley's appointment to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee.
Ryan Buchanan

Action: This appointment was approved.

End of Consent Agenda

At this time, Council took action on item 48, Unfinished Business, resolution adopting a goal of 100% renewable energy for the City of Concord. For motions, discussion and action please see item 48.

Public Hearings

39A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application in an amount of up to \$500,000 and to accept and appropriate grant proceeds of up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Housing and Public Facilities Funds for demolition of structures and other site improvements at 11-35 Canal Street, Penacook, to assist with the development of affordable housing by the Caleb Penacook Limited Partnership, a direct affiliate of the Caleb Development Corporation; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects. (Public testimony received)

Action: Mayor Bouley explained that items 39A and 39B are both related to the City applying for Community Development Block Grant funds. He asked whether any members of the Council would object to hearing the items together. There being no Council objection City Clerk Janice Bonenfant read the titles for public hearing items 39A and 39B together.

Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects, made a brief presentation. He noted that handouts regarding Community Development Block Grants and this application were available in the rear of City Council Chambers.

Mr. Walsh stated that Community Development Block grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 is available annually for economic development projects; up to \$500,000 is available annually for public facility and housing projects; up to \$500,000 is available for emergency activities; up to \$12,000 is available per annum for planning study grants. All projects must primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. He noted that the purpose of this public hearing is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in CDBG funds to be used for the demolition of structures and other site improvements at the property located at 11-35 Canal Street in Penacook - formerly known as the Allied Leather Tannery - to assist with the development of 34 units of primarily affordable housing units that will be constructed by the Caleb Penacook Limited

Partnership, a direct affiliate of the Caleb Development Corporation, or an entity to be named. He indicated that the project conforms with Concord's housing and community development plans goal of "to assure that housing is available for families and individuals of low and moderate income and those with special needs". He also provided a brief background history of the City's efforts to acquire, cleanup, and redevelop the former Allied Leather Tannery property, as well as the City's decision to sell 11-35 Canal Street to the Caleb Development Corporation.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearings for items 39A and 39B. There being no public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearings.

- 39B. Resolution readopting the City's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy Statement and Procedures; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects.

Action: Continuing his comments in public hearing 39A, Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects stated that if a CDBG involves relocation, the Uniform Relocation Act must be followed. He stated that this project does not involve the relocation of residents or businesses.

Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item 39A. There being no public testimony, the Mayor closed this hearing with item 39A.

- 39C. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sales / Development Agreement with Granite Center L.L.C. concerning the sale of City owned property known as the Dixon Avenue Public Parking Lot, as well as the redevelopment of real estate located at 4-6 Dixon Avenue, 8-14 Dixon Avenue, and 1 Eagle Square, as well as surface parking lots located at Dixon Avenue and Storrs Street; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted) (Public testimony received)

Action: There being no Council objection, City Clerk Janice Bonenfant read the titles for public hearing items C through F together.

City Manager Tom Aspell provided an overview of items C through F.

Councilor Champlin indicated that written public testimony received questioned whether the compensation of \$5,000 per space was adequate. He asked if staff could explain how they arrived at this figure. Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects, responded that this was

a number that was discussed based upon conferring with an outside engineer that was working on the citywide community center project. He explained that this was presuming that the parking would be constructed on city owned land and, if the city wanted to maintain a supply of parking in this particular location, the city would probably go north of the Storrs Street parking lot.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearings for items C through F.

Public Testimony

Steve Duprey, developer, thanked staff and noted that this project came about because of new market tax credits and has been a six month sprint; they have crammed a year and a half worth of work into less than six months. He stated that the goal is to take this "dark" corner of Main Street and try to clean it up, repopulate it and refresh it. On an overall basis, they have found that 79-E is really useful in attracting tenants. If this is successful this evening, he indicated that their plan is to close on this project before August 1st, start all the work and have it all complete by December.

Councilor Bouchard indicated that back of the building, where one enters from Eagle Square, needs a railing. Referencing the back of 1 Eagle Square, she inquired whether this will become safe. Mr. Duprey responded that it will at least have a railing adding that there is no way to meet the ADA ramp requirements due to the short distance.

Councilor Herschlag has concerns with granting 79-E and asked whether Mr. Duprey would be willing to share what the difference in rent with 79-E and without 79-E. Mr. Duprey explained that tenants are reluctant to move to downtown when they have an option to move someplace else if they are afraid, because of the redevelopment that is done, that their taxes will go up dramatically. He noted that part of the key is that it gives certainty to tenants.

Councilor Herschlag noted his confusion on the difference between having the first five years of certainty and then not. Mr. Duprey replied that he tends to go for long term leases and if he can relay to a tenant, at least for five years, of their tax assessment he hopefully can convince them to stay for the second part.

Councilor Herschlag asked how this would affect the cost per square foot for rentals. Mr. Duprey responded that it may cost a buck a foot difference for tenants

moving in.

There being no further public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearings for items C through F.

- 39D. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a seven year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 4-6 Dixon Avenue; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item C.

- 39E. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a five year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 8-14 Dixon Avenue; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item C.

- 39F. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a five year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 1 Eagle Square; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item C.

Public Hearing Action

40. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application in an amount of up to \$500,000 and to accept and appropriate grant proceeds of up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Housing and Public Facilities Funds for demolition of structures and other site improvements at 11-35 Canal Street, Penacook, to assist with the development of affordable housing by the Caleb Penacook Limited Partnership, a direct affiliate of the Caleb Development Corporation; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects. (Public testimony received)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag continues to have concerns about this project noting that, in his opinion, it doesn't meet the historic character of the community. He doesn't

believe that this project maximizes the value of the site that was so important during the community meetings with the city. He noted that it's in a TIF district so there is still money owed the city and, if the riverfront park is built here, this would delay any new revenue from this project coming back to pay for city, school and county services. He noted that the community was clear during the Penacook visioning process that they would like to see commercial on the first floor. For all these reason and the other ones, he will not be able to support this project.

Councilor Kretovic indicated that a few years ago the Penacook Village Association came up with a slogan for Penacook - Prosper in Penacook. She noted that she believes one of the things that they missed is people; that's one of the elements that they really want to bring to the village to bring that life back. This is the reason that she is supporting this project; they need human beings in the village so that it can prosper and so that those human beings can prosper as well.

Councilor Todd concurs with Councilor Kretovic and feels that this is one of the key reasons to move forward with this project. He stated that there are a lot people out there that are having challenges making ends meet and feels that these are the people they have a duty to try to serve. He feels that these are housing options that they need to make available for real people with real jobs.

Councilor Shurtleff noted that he echoes Councilor Todd's remarks.

The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with Mayor Bouley, Councilors Champlin, Coen, Grady Sexton, Keach, Kretovic, Matson, Nyhan, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff, Todd, Werner, and Bouchard voting yes. Councilor Herschlag voted no.

41. Resolution readopting the City's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy Statement and Procedures; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects.

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

42. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sales / Development Agreement with Granite Center L.L.C. concerning the sale of City owned property known as the Dixon Avenue Public Parking Lot, as well as the redevelopment of real estate located at 4-6 Dixon Avenue, 8-14 Dixon Avenue, and 1 Eagle Square, as well as surface parking lots located at Dixon Avenue and Storrs Street; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown

Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted) (Public testimony received)

Action: Councilor Bouchard moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. Councilor Grady Sexton took Rule Six on this item.

43. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a seven year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 4-6 Dixon Avenue; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag noted that, although he feels this is an important project and Mr. Duprey has a record of building projects that have enhanced their community, he is not comfortable with providing 79-E. He indicated that Mr. Duprey has stated that his major concern is certainty for his new tenants and controlling unknowns as to assessed value and how that would impact their leases. While he is not willing to support providing 79-E for the project, he would be willing to have a discussion with Mr. Duprey regarding a pilot for those five years that would lock in a guarantee payment that would not change based on the value of the property.

Councilor Champlin indicated that RSA 79-E has been an important economic development tool for this city and a lot of communities throughout the state. He noted that the idea of 79-E is to stimulate and encourage economic development such as this project.

Mayor Bouley encouraged Council to vote for this item noting that he feels it brings a lot of positive to the city. He indicated that one of the things that has always bothered him is the fact that when they did the Main Street project, they were unable to bring a few of the entrance ways into compliance with the ADA. He feels that the fact that this project brings those entities in compliance with the ADA is something that benefits the whole city. He has full confidence with the staff that reviewed this and recommends this project to move forward; he sees nothing but positive economic benefit for everyone.

Councilor St. Hilaire pointed out that this is an entryway to Main Street and to have someone come in and make it into a welcoming entryway is a tremendous asset to the city.

The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with Mayor Bouley, Councilors Champlin, Coen, Grady Sexton, Keach, Kretovic, Matson, Nyhan, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff, Todd, Werner, and Bouchard voting yes. Councilor Herschlag voted no.

44. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a five year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 8-14 Dixon Avenue; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with one dissenting vote by Councilor Herschlag.

45. Resolution determining the project has a public benefit and approving an application by Granite Center LLC for a five year RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for the renovation of real estate located at 1 Eagle Square; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects. (Not previously submitted)

Action: Councilor Champlin moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with one dissenting vote by Councilor Herschlag. Councilor Grady Sexton took Rule Six.

Reports

46. Report from the Traffic Engineer on behalf of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee regarding a referral from Councilor Bouchard about a constituent concern on the revised alignment of the Old Loudon Road/Portsmouth Street intersection.

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire indicated that he and Councilor Bouchard received a number of complaints in regards to the new alignment of this intersection. As such, Councilor Bouchard has written a referral to TPAC to ask them to look at some proposals to help alleviate the turning situation. He explained that during the budget cycle, Council approved to allocate \$15,000 to look at this intersection to see if there were any ways to improve this. He stated that TPAC is recommending two options: B or C. He recommends that Council adopts option C within the report which opens up both corners to allow a wider entry point at a cost of \$11,000.

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to adopt option C within the report. The motion was

duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

47. Water Demand Management Study Presentation

Action: Chip Chesley, General Services Director, indicated that they recently completed a study; there were five recommendations of this study three of which are already in place.

Marco Philippon, Water Plant Superintendent, provided an overview explaining that a demand management plan looks at where the water goes, how the customer base is divided up, what are the customers made up of, how do they compare to other utilities nationally in water consumption, and recommendations of what they can do to promote efficiencies. He noted that Concord needs a demand management plan to understand their water system demands and their patterns; it gives them the ability to identify strategies in which they can maximize existing water supplies allowing them to be as efficient as they can with the supply that they have and foster economic development. He highlighted information contained within the presentation.

Referencing slide seven, Councilor Keach noted that consumption between 2000 and 2016 has erratic areas in the graph. Mr. Philippon responded that they are peak days and the low years are wet years.

Councilor Werner indicated that it appears that the big issue is assigning the true cost of water and the economic incentives do not currently exist in terms of enticing conservation or using economic mechanisms to achieve conservation. He inquired as to what other communities do. Mr. Philippon responded that Portsmouth is currently the leader in conservation; they are stressed with supplies and have multiple plans including the rebate program. He stated that Portsmouth also has an aggressive rate structure.

Councilor Herschlag questioned as to how they compare nationally. Referencing Massachusetts and California, he inquired whether these were their goals and, if so, what is their current use. Mr. Philippon responded that those are their goals; a lot of it has to do with the demographics of the community. He explained that what California is looking to do is limit counties and permitting which is going to drive more conservation; 55 is the per person basis. He noted that Massachusetts is in the high 60's currently on average.

Councilor Herschlag asked what is driving the city's use. Mr. Philippon responded

that the city's water is cheap; the average household water bill is \$309 per year.

Councilor Todd asked if there is any sense as to when the conservation rate structure will be finalized. Mr. Chesley responded within the next three to four months.

Councilor Todd questioned what the plan would be in terms of rolling that out. Mr. Chesley responded that anything of a financial nature would be reviewed by FPAC and then to the Council.

Councilor Champlin noted that since he is on the Chamber board, from time to time he is part of the discussion about extending water to Bow Junction. He asked if the analysis took into account the impact of this type of arrangement. Mr. Philippon responded no explaining that they tied it in to population; if there were something that was going to happen like this, it would be easy to add into their model.

Referencing a final report, Mayor Bouley inquired whether Council will receive all the various options with the outcomes. Mr. Chesley responded yes noting that there is a menu as to where they would want to go.

New Business

Unfinished Business

48. Resolution adopting a goal of 100% renewable energy for the City of Concord. (Public testimony submitted) (Additional public testimony received) (Revised resolution; together with communication from the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce submitted) (Additional public testimony received)

Action: Councilor Werner moved to take this item off the table. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Councilor Werner, Energy and Environment Committee, indicated that since the public hearing in May, they have had considerable discussion with several community partners and are bringing forth a revised resolution for consideration. He pointed out that the goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2050 remains the goal and sets forth a committee structure that will involve many elements of the community in developing a strategic plan for this initiative and to move along this path. He thanked the many people that have commented on this resolution noting that their input was valuable and positive.

Councilor Werner moved approval of the revised resolution. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Todd thanked Councilor Werner and committee members. He feels that the time spent reaching out to the community was well spent and feels that the result before them this evening is something that they can be proud of.

Mayor Bouley thanked the committee for the effort they put into this. He doesn't feel there is a need to wait noting that they should be working to move forward several of the policies that they have talked about.

The motion to approve passed with no dissenting votes.

Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Councilor Werner indicated that the Kent Coalition has organized a rally outside of City Hall this evening that calls attention to some of the immigration issues that are happening on the border. He wants them to know that they appreciate the passion and the concern. He pointed out that Concord has earned a well deserved reputation of being a very welcoming community and has no doubt that they will continue to do so. He just wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the coalition.

Mayor Bouley welcomed the coalition and appreciates them bringing attention to an important issue. Being an election year, he hopes those that are running for office have heard their voices.

Councilor Herschlag indicated that as a Council they rarely chime in on social issues but feels that this is an issue that is particularly important. He inquired whether this would be the type of issue that the Council could approve a resolution to state their concerns.

Mayor Bouley indicated that it's the Council's prerogative but eleven years ago he set a policy due to the fact that they receive many resolution requests for various organizations. He stated that each of them are elected and have a voice and encouraged each to speak out and talk to people within the community - be active. As a Council, they have never taken these up and this would be his suggested course of action.

Councilor Bouchard pointed out that Concord Police is not going to start to do the work for ICE.

Councilor Champlin noted he is a supporter of their immigrant and refugee community. He noted that they are in an interesting place as a country. Referencing an article, he indicated that the country isn't generating enough people to fill the jobs that they have; the birth rate has declined and the anticipation is that they won't have enough people to fill jobs.

Councilor Kretovic introduced her father noting that this is his 86th birthday and the first public meeting that he has ever attended.

Comments, Requests by the City Manager

Consideration of items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

** Items 21 and 22 have been pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.*

21. Report from the Deputy City Manager for Development concerning the proposed repair plan for the discontinued portion of Silk Farm Road through the St. Paul's School campus. (Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag)

Action: Councilor Herschlag thanked the city in pursuing the agreement they have with St. Paul's School and getting this road back up to the standards they agreed to when they signed the agreement. He pointed out that he feels some of the thoughts within the report are not relevant to the agreement. He indicated that the agreement is clear - the only consideration in the agreement for St. Paul's to maintain this road is to maintain it in a consistent manner or better than their other internal roads that are used for emergency vehicles, pedestrian ways and bicycle traffic.

Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the report. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

22. Report from Deputy City Manager - Finance recommending approval of the proposed 2019 Membership Rates for the Beaver Meadow Golf Course as recommended by Golf Course Advisory Committee. (Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag)

Action: Councilor Herschlag thanked staff for putting together the rate sheet and wondered if they could also do a comparison for daily rates. He inquired as to how they came to this rate structure, what criteria was used and/or were there any models from other communities.

Brian LeBrun, Deputy City Manager - Finance, explained that they met with the Golf Course Advisory Committee and looked at the rates that were being presented

or currently being charged by competitors. He noted that they typically try to keep their rates a little bit under what other communities and/or golf courses charge; this is the strategy that they try to use.

Councilor Herschlag asked if there was a formula or percentage that is looked at. Mr. LeBrun replied that its looking at what the other rates are out there. When dealing with competition such as other golf courses, he explained that there is guesswork involved.

Councilor Shurtleff moved approval of the report. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Coen emphasized that the Golf Course Advisory Committee is comprised of at least nine civilian members. He stated that the committee gives the information for Council to consider.

Councilor Kretovic noted that the committee asks city staff to find out what the costs are for the different level of membership. In regards to the daily rate, she indicated that this is decided at a different time; first they do membership rates and look at the daily rates closer to the Fall.

St. Hilaire noticed that the collegiate rate is different than the young adult rate and that the adult rate is a very wide margin between 19 and 39 year olds. He wonders for future reference if they would want to look at the 19 to 21 year olds that aren't in college as some in this age range may be in the military or only taking one or two classes therefore not qualifying for the collegiate rate.

Councilor Kretovic indicated that the collegiate rate is based on the fact that these individuals go back to school in August so they lose the Fall season.

Councilor St. Hilaire noted that he still feels the margin between 19 and 39 years old seems very large.

The motion to approve the report passed with no dissenting votes.

Consideration of Suspense Items

Action: Councilor Champlin moved to suspend the rules to consider the suspense item not previously advertised. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Referral to the Traffic Operations Committee

Sus1 Communication from Kim Wheeler regarding excessive speeds on Rumford Street between Centre and Washington Streets in Concord.

Action: Councilor Champlin moved to refer this communication to the Traffic Operations Committee. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Mayor Bouley moved, in accordance with RSA 273-A: 3, II(c), to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 between the Concord Fire Officers Association, Local 3195 ("CFOA") and the City of Concord. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Adjournment

The time being 8:34 p.m., Councilor Keach moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

A true copy; I attest:

*Michelle Mulholland
Deputy City Clerk*

Information

Inf1 Communications from Comcast Cable informing City Council of upcoming changes in service for Comcast customers.

Action: Information item received and filed.

Inf2 June 4, 2018 Concord Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes.

Action: Information item received and filed.

Inf3 May 15, 2018 Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes.

Action: Information item received and filed.

Inf4 June 18, 2018 Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee Draft Minutes.

Action: Information item received and filed.

Inf5 June 19, 2018 Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes.

Action: Information item received and filed.

Inf6 Communication from Elizabeth Corell, on behalf of the Kent Street Coalition, asking City Council to consider passing a resolution regarding the treatment of immigrants and their families at our country's borders and the actions of the U.S. Customs and Board Patrol within New Hampshire.

Action: Information item received and filed.